

Rutherford County Minor Home-Based Business Application

To Be Completed By Applicant. Please Print All Information

Applicant's Name: _____

Date: _____ **Phone:** _____

Street Address: _____ **GIS Link** _____

Company/Business Name: _____

Description of work activity to be conducted in the home:

All minor home-based businesses shall conform to the following general requirements:

- a. Home-based businesses must be conducted within a residential dwelling unit which is the bona fide residence of the principal practitioner or within an approved accessory building thereto which is normally associated with a residential use.
- b. No home-based business shall be permitted that changes the outside appearance or character of the dwelling unit.
- c. No display of stock-in-trade products shall be visible from the street.
- d. The equipment used by the home-based business and the operation of the home-based business shall not create any vibrations, heat, glare, dust, odors, noise, or smoke discernable at the property lines.
- e. Home-based businesses shall not create any electrical, magnetic or other interference off the premises, consume utility quantities that negatively impact the delivery of those utilities to surrounding properties, or use and/or store hazardous materials in excess of quantities permitted in residential structures.
- f. Delivery vehicles used to deliver goods to the home-based business are limited to passenger vehicles, mail carriers, and express carriers such as, but not limited to, UPS, Fed Ex or DHL.
- g. None of the regulations listed in this section shall prohibit or restrict approved agricultural uses as defined by this Resolution or Tennessee State Law.
- h. Minor home-based businesses shall have no more than one (1) nonresident employee on the premises at any one time. The number of nonresident employees working at locations other than the home-based business is not limited.
- i. Minor home-based businesses shall not use more than 25 percent of the gross floor area of the principal structure. Minor home-based businesses conducted entirely within an approved accessory structure shall not use more than 500 square feet of the accessory structure.

- j. Minor home-based businesses shall be limited to the parking/storage of one (1) business vehicle on the premises. Vehicles shall not be stored/parked in the front yard. For the purposes of this section, front yard shall be defined as the area from the front line of the dwelling unit to the property line. 18-wheel tractor-trailers shall not be permitted on lots of less than two (2) acres.
- k. Minor home-based businesses are not required to provide any additional parking beyond what is required for the residential use.
- l. Minor home-based businesses shall not create more than five (5) customer/client visits in any one day and no more than two (2) customers/clients can be present at any one time.
- m. The following activities shall not be approved as minor home-based businesses:
 - Automobile/vehicle repair
 - Kennels, stables, veterinarian clinics/hospitals
 - Medical and dental clinics/hospitals
 - Restaurants, clubs, drinking establishments
 - Barbershops/beauty salons
 - Undertaking and funeral parlors
 - Retail sales of goods not made on the premises
 - Sexually Oriented Adult Businesses, as defined in Article XXV

It is recognized that this list may not be totally inclusive. The Planning Director or their designee shall make the determination of whether an unlisted business is similar to a listed prohibited use and issue or deny a minor home-based business permit.

- n. Outdoor storage of any material used in connection with the home-based business, with the exception of one (1) business vehicle, is not permitted.
- o. Signage is not permitted.

Applicant's Signature: _____

(Note: By signing this form you agree to abide by all regulations for home-based businesses)

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Approved by: _____

Date: _____